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FOR THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

SUMMARY: WE HAVE INSTRUCTED IIE TO PLACE YOUR FIRST TEN  
STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR ELECTION WITHOUT REQUEST-  
ING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEM AND WITHOUT TAKING IN-  
TO ACCOUNT SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT OFFERED FROM OTHER PLACES.  
IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT MONEY IN YOUR  
STUDENTALLOCATION TO PROVIDE PARTIAL GRANTS TO ALL STU-  
DENTS ELEVEN THROUGH TWENTY BECAUSE THE COSTS OF NEW GRANTS  
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AND RENEWALS ARE RUNNING HIGHER THAN EITHER YOU OR WEAN-

TICIPATED.

1. IT APPEARS THAT BOTH IIE AND THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY MISUNDERSTOOD THE COMMISSION'S INTENTION RE THE FIRST TEN STUDENTS BECAUSE REF A REQUESTED FULL FUNDING FOR THEM "IF NECESSARY." NORMAL DEPARTMENT AND IIE PROCEDURE IS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

AND THEN TO INQUIRE IF THE STUDENT IS ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT THE ASSISTANCE GENERATED. THE INTENT OF THIS PROCEDURE IS TO PRODUCE MORE STUDENTS PER COMMISSION DOLLAR. IT ALSO CREATES ENORMOUS UNCERTAINTIES FOR ALL CONCERNED SINCE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING ACTUALLY "NECESSARY" FOR A GIVEN STUDENT CAN NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL QUITE LATE IN THE FISCAL YEAR.

2. IT IS CLEAR FROM REFS B AND C THAT THE COMMISSION DID NOT WANT TO ASK FOR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FIRST TEN STUDENTS ON ITS LIST AND THAT IT WANTS THEM PLACED AT INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR PREFERENCE WITHOUT REGARD TO POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED THIS DECISION TO IIE, AND IT WILL ALLOCATE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO TAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANY US SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT WHICH MAY BE OFFERED TO THEM AT THE INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE AND THE COST OF ATTENDING THAT PARTICULAR INSTITUTION.

3. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE REMAINING NEW STUDENTS (NUMBERS 11 THROUGH 20 ON YOUR LIST IN REF A) DEPENDS UPON TWO FACTORS:

- A) THE COST OF THEIR PROGRAMS AFTER ALLOWANCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FROM US UNIVERSITIES AND THE STUDENT'S PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION IF ANY, AND B) THE COSTS OF RENEWALS. BOTH THESE FACTORS ARE VARIABLES WHOSE SIZE WILL NOT BE KNOWN WITH MUCH CERTAINTY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

4. IF THE COMMISSION DOES NOT WANT THE REMAINING TEN STUDENTS TO MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION, PLEASE INFORM THE DEPARTMENT BY CABLE IMMEDIATELY SINCE THIS WILL REDUCE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AREA OF UNCERTAINTY CONSIDERABLY.

5. COSTS: A) RENEWALS -- RENEWALS HAVE FIRST PRIORITY ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM. PRELIMINARY DATA SUGGESTS THAT A LARGER THAN ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF YOUR STUDENTS NOW HERE WILL REQUEST RENEWALS AND THAT THE COST OF THESE RENEWALS WILL BE GREATER THAN

N ANTICIPATED. IIE IS TALKING IN TERMS OF \$20,000 ABOVE WHAT WAS BUDGETED. B) NEW GRANTS -- THE FIGURE CITED BY THE COMMISSION IN REF D IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR FULL GRANTS. THAT FIGURE REPRESENTS AN AVERAGING OF ACTUAL WORLD WIDE FOREIGN STUDENT COSTS EXCLUDING TRAVEL CONSERVATIVELY ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION. CU/ARA HAS BEEN USING A SOMEWHAT HIGHER FIGURE BUT THIS TOO IS PROVING TO INACCURATE. IT IS NOW BECOMING APPARENT THAT THE TOTAL COST (INCLUDING TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE) OF A NEW GRANT FOR THIS FALL (NOT SUBTRACTING ANY ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

ASSISTANCE FOUND BY IIE OR ANY PERSONAL STUDENT CONTRIBUTION) IS AROUND \$7,500. BRAZILIAN FULBRIGHT STUDENTS ARE NOT DOING AS WELL AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT. FEWER SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY AND COMPETITION IS GREATER FROM AMERICAN STUDENTS IN VIEW OF THE RISING COSTS OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION HERE.

6. THE LAST TEN STUDENTS -- AT THE MOMENT, WITHOUT KNOWING THE FULL DIMENSIONS OF THE FUNDING PROBLEM FOR YOUR STUDENT PROGRAM, WE AND IIE HAVE AGREED TO ALLOCATE PARTIAL GRANTS OF \$3,500 TO STUDENTS NUMBERED ELEVEN THROUGH SIXTEEN. THIS LEAVES A ZERO BALANCE FOR THE LAST FOUR STUDENTS (OTHER THAN THE TRAVEL GRANTS AUTHORIZED IN THE ALLOCATIONSHEET). WHEN THE RENEWAL COSTS ARE KNOWN AND DEDUCTED AND THE PLACEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING SITUATION OF THE SECOND TEN STUDENTS BECOMES CLEAR, REMAINING FUNDS, IF ANY, WILL BE USED FOR THIS SECOND GROUP OF STUDENTS.

7. HOW DOES THE COMMISSION WANT THE REMAINING FUNDS, IF ANY, REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 6 ABOVE SPENT? DOES IT  
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